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GROWING WEIGHT KILLS OFF JOCKEYS

Frank Wotton, Leading English Driver, Latest Forced to Scale Heavy.

The news that Frank Wotton, the leading English jockey, had increased in weight from 105 pounds until he had difficulty doing 126 pounds at one of his late English meetings, coupled with the information that the rider would not contract to do less than 128 pounds in 1912, marks the passing of a good horseman and brings anew to the attention of those who are fond of the turf the fact that no calling is more uncertain than that of the jockey. Several turf men were discussing Wotton and his greatest rival, Danny Maher, a few days ago, says an exchange, and a man who had been abroad and had seen Wotton and Maher ride out more than one stirring finish, ventured the opinion that the American jockey's longer experience alone gave him the game over his younger rival. Maher, it is understood, finds little trouble in keeping to weight, but as the years roll by he will no doubt be tormented as were McLaughlin, Garrison and others who preceded him in the Derby stakes. McLaughlin could do 118 pounds handily until he was 32, and then he put on weight while seeming to carry no more flesh than usual. His great rival, Garrison, was never the worker McLaughlin was, but he managed to keep to weight for quite a long time. He began riding later than McLaughlin, and was in the saddle when McLaughlin was training the Lorillard string of race horses. Never considered the equal of his greatest rival as an all-around horseman, Garrison could outfinish any rider, perhaps that follower of the American turf can recall. Never considered a judge of pace, he possessed to an extraordinary degree the ability to make a horse try to the last ounce of its powers in the home stretch.

Nobody could equal Garrison in the task of rousing a tired, staggering horse in a driving finish. Crouching low in the saddle, with his whip in his left hand, he appeared fairly to lift his mount along in some of the splendid rallies from the 16th pole to the wire. A hundred "Garrison finishes" could be particularized, but there was one ride on Sam Bryant's gelding Come to Taw at Gravesend that nobody who witnessed it will ever forget. Come to Taw was not a first class racehorse at any time, but for a few seconds that day he approached championship form. Under Garrison's furious fusillade of caught and steel he seemed to hardly touch the earth and vanquished a good field for a considerable stake, to the tremendous delight of Sam Bryant, the gelding's owner, who never bet a day pass until he died that he did not recount the story of how his "little horse" and the "Snapper," as Garrison is still termed, took the measure of the talent.

USE YOUR HEAD IN TIGHT PLACE.

Curves Not All the Thing to Use Then.

"When you are in a tight place don't try to put all you have on the ball." This is the advice King Cole, star pitcher of the Cubs, and one who has been near the top of the list ever since he entered big league ball, always gives when asked for pointers. Cole has been famous in the past for his ability to get out of tight places, and goodness knows he was in enough tight spots last season because of his tendency to give walks.

"When I was pitching for Bay City in the Southern Michigan league some years ago, I learned this lesson," says Cole. "Whenever I got a couple of men on base with none down, my heart used to go pitty-pat and I generally tried to put my widest curve on my fastest ball. The result was one of two things—either I passed the man or the batter would slug it a mile.

"I came to figure out the dope that the batter was in as much of a hole as the pitcher. When he is up there at the plate with a couple or three on bases, with runs needed to tie the score or win, the coaches yell at him to slug it out. He can't help getting a wee bit nervous or excited. He'll hit at balls he wouldn't dream of going after if the bases were clear. Then was when I used to feed him with floaters or dinky curves up around his neck or down at his knees.

"Since I joined the Cubs I've tried the same thing and it works as well with the big batters as it did in the minors. Of course sometimes the batter may cross you and drive her out, but in the majority of cases you can put it over on him."

Exonerated On Ticket Scalping Charge

National Commission Gives Philadelphia and New York Clubs a Clean Bill—No Collusion With Scalpers—Critics Failed to Furnish Proof—State Legislation to Stop Scalping Urged.

Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—The final official action was taken here today on the celebrated ticket scalping scandal that ruffled the baseball world directly afterwards the championship series in New York and Philadelphia last October. While the national baseball commission gathered enough evidence to secure it that wholesale ticket scalping took place in both cities, yet this evidence indicated that neither the New York National or Philadelphia American league club owners, managers, players or employes were in collusion with the scalpers.

The commission holds that the charges by the press at the time were justified, but gently criticizes a number of persons who at the time of the episode offered to produce proof as to the alleged collusion but failed to furnish any evidence of value.

Precautions Were Taken.

Besides exonerating both clubs, the commission praises them for the extra precautions which were taken against scalping. State and municipal legislation against scalping is urged.

The Finding.

The finding follows:

"After a thorough investigation of reports from newspapers and other sources that ticket scalping was openly practiced in each city represented by its team in the world series of 1911, the national commission has reached the following conclusions:

"Tickets in large numbers were in the hands of speculators in both the cities of New York and Philadelphia, and were sold at exorbitant prices which was, therefore, an imposition upon the public. It follows that the newspaper criticisms were to this extent warranted and justified.

Scalping in Both Cities.

"In New York the sale of tickets by speculators was carried on almost exclusively in hotels, cafes, newsstands and other public places. In Philadelphia, in addition to the sales in these places, they were also conducted by the speculators in the lobbies of the hotels and on the public highways.

Completely Exonerated.

"In so far as the club owners or the regular officials of the two clubs are concerned, there has nothing whatever been developed, even by intimation, that would in any way implicate any of them as having been in collusion with the ticket speculators, but on the contrary it has been shown that every reasonable precaution was taken by both clubs to protect the public. Therefore the club owners and the regular officials of both clubs are completely exonerated."

The finding then goes on to show how the Philadelphia club has been able to produce a complete record of the disposition of 8,131 tickets out of a total of 8,935 sold for the first day. In the same way the New York club accounts by name for 339 boxes sold out of 341, for 95 individuals who received 1,067 tickets (including 1,549 to national commission), for 4,974 tickets sent by mail, and for 1,819 tickets sold at their offices on the day before the public sale, "to players, newspaper friends of the clubs and privileged persons." The names of these persons were not submitted to the commission. The total number of tickets sold (reserved) for the first game, exclusive of box seats, shown by the records, was 23,412. It was the contention of the New York club that the differences between this amount and the number of other tickets shown represents the total number of tickets sold at the public sale on Thursday, viz., 12,621.

Through Mail Orders and Public Sales

"It is also the contention of the New York club that tickets secured by speculators through mail orders and at the public sale were without doubt very large in number. They base this contention upon the fact that they received a great many letters for mail orders which looked suspicious, declaring, however, that such suspicious letters were thrown into the discard. They also contend that suspicious individuals were put out of the line at the public sale and yet in spite of all care and precaution the club officials admit that the speculators obtained world's series tickets. It must be evident that these tickets could not have been secured by the speculators in any great number through the mail order system, because it is shown by the New York club's own statement that only 4,974 tickets were sent out through the mails.

Fail to Substantiate Charges

"Oral and written complaints of their experiences and observations to members of the commission by presumably reliable persons contained offers to provide proof in corroboration of newspaper charges of collusion, but almost invariably the complainant when invited to furnish facts contented himself by elaborating on his own grievances without supplying testimony establishing the guilt or fixing responsibility on an employe of the club.

"It is our judgment that the granting of permission to sell tickets for three games was a serious mistake of the commission as well as that of permitting the clubs to conduct its own sale, and it is the duty of the commission to take every necessary step they can to prevent a recurrence of the conditions existing during the last world's series.

State Legislation.

"State and municipal legislation against the scalping of tickets to games of the world's series or important championship games of a league is an absolute requisite for stamping out this reprehensible practice, and the commission urges owners of major league clubs to actively interest themselves in the introduction and passage of such laws."

The statement is signed by August Herrmann, B. B. Johnson and T. J. Lynch, the national commission.

MORAN ACCEPTS FOR ELIMINATION BOUTS

Coffroth Wants One Round Hogan and Tommy Murphy Also to Pick Wolgast's Challenger.

New York, Jan. 5.—James Johnson, manager for Owen Moran, the English lightweight, accepted today the proposal by James Coffroth, the San Francisco promoter, that Moran enter elimination bouts in California next month to find a suitable challenger for Ad Wolgast, the lightweight champion. Coffroth proposes that One Round Hogan and Tommy Murphy enter the elimination contest, to be of twenty rounds each, to pick the best man of the three to challenge Wolgast.

GROTON 21, TAFTVILLE 8.

Easy Win for Groton Team on Its Home Floor.

Taftville's basketball squad was easy for the fast Groton five on Friday evening on the Groton home floor, Groton piling up 21 points while the best Taftville could do was a total of 8.

Each man on the Groton lineup took his turn at caging the ball except Forbes at center, but the stiff guarding of the Groton five had all the Taftville boys stopped but White and Potter, who were the only ones to shoot baskets from the floor.

The lineups and summary:

Groton—Archer lf, Needham rf, Forbes c, Tomlinson lg, Christie rg.
Taftville—White lf, Murphy rf, Potter c, L'Heureux lg, Fontaine rg.

Score, Groton 21, Taftville 8; field goals, Archer 1, Needham 2, Tomlinson 1, Christie 3 for Groton, White 2, Potter 1 for Taftville; foul goals, Needham 7, Murphy 2.

FOGEL-DOOIN SCRAP NOW ALL OVER.

Philadelphia National's President and Manager Bury the Hatchet.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—It was announced at the offices of the Philadelphia National league baseball club today that the differences between President Fogel and Manager Charles Dooin have been adjusted and that the latter will again manage the team during 1912. Dooin, who is at present filling a theatrical engagement, will cancel a number of his dates and return to this city within a few days.

FACTORY LEAGUE BASKETBALL.

Eight Teams Continue Their Schedule With Four Games at Y. M. C. A. Gym.

Four basketball games in the Factory league are on the schedule to be played off tonight at the Y. M. C. A. gym, bringing out both the leaders, U. S. Finishing company and Baltic mills company, which are credited with top places in the league up to date. The Finishing company team is to play H. B. Porter company, while Baltic mills plays Poneman company.

The games will be called in the following order:

B. L. Co. vs. Totokett hose; Nickle & Brass Co. vs. Shetucket Co.; Ponemah Mills Co. vs. Baltic mills; U. S. Finishing Co. vs. H. B. Porter.

NO DEALS NOW.

Wolverton Confers with Farrell—Highlanders Will Report March 4.

New York, Jan. 5.—Harry Wolverton, the newly appointed manager of the New York American league club, spent a few hours in New York today. He devoted most of his time to conferring with President Farrell. He said that for the time being the personnel of the club would be the same as when Hal Chase, his predecessor, was manager, but that if he saw a chance to strengthen the club, he would seize the opportunity. He had no deals under way at present. He said the team would report at Atlanta on March 4, but possibly he might take his pitchers and catchers to Hot Springs, Va., a week or ten days before that date.

FUTURITY NOMINATIONS.

375 Named for the 1914 Event—Race Probably Not at Sheepshead.

New York, Jan. 5.—Notwithstanding horse racing has recently been declared dead in New York state the Coney Island Jockey club tonight evinced a tenacious hope of a revival by announcing a list of 375 nominations for the Futurity of 1914. Lately it was reported that the club's track at Sheepshead Bay, where the Futurities have been run for many years, would be sold and cut up for building lots, and this, if true, will mean the running of the Futurity elsewhere.

KLING SUCCEEDS TENNEY.

Appointed Manager of Boston Nationals—The Star Catcher Will Accept.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5.—Johnny Kling, the baseball catcher, tonight received a telegram from the management of the Boston National league team announcing his appointment as manager of the Boston team to succeed Fred Tenney.

Kling Will Accept.

Boston, Jan. 5.—In announcing that John D. Kling will manage the Boston National baseball team the coming season, succeeding Fred Tenney, President John M. Ward said tonight Kling wired him that he would accept the terms of the contract offered. Mr. Ward added that the contract with Tenney, by which he is to remain with the team another year, will be lived up to, unless Tenney desires to go with some other team, in which case a satisfactory arrangement will be made.

Jewett City Replies to Taftville Challenge.

Taftville's challenge came as a surprise to me. If Manager Caron will stop and think, Taftville is due to play in our town next Monday night, therefore no need of a challenge.

If Taftville really wants several good beatings in basketball, I am willing to match my five against theirs, on side bets, not for sport only. What we've done before we can easily do again. What do you say, Taftville?

(Signed) E. G. LAGUE,
Mgr. J. C. B. B. T.

Tallest Pair of Twirlers.

The Toledo American association league club can boast of the tallest pair of twirlers in captivity. Falkenberg and Higginbotham make a pair hard to beat, for the former Cleveland star measures 6 feet 4 inches and Hig is but one inch shorter.

Montreal Hockey Amateurs Fast.

New York, Jan. 5.—The Montreal Victorias, Canada's leading amateur hockey club, defeated the New York Athletic club seven at St. Nicholas rink here tonight by a score of 9 to 1.

Roller Polo Results Friday.

At Worcester: Providence 3, Worcester 8.
At Taunton: Waterbury 2; Taunton 4.

BOXING NOTES.

Gunner Moir, the former champion heavyweight of England, is after Champion Bombardier Wells to box him again for the title and a big side wager.

Although they are official referees, Terry McGovern and Young Corbett, the featherweights who startled the boxing world with their ring work at one time, have as yet failed to secure a job.

Bombadier Wells is very apt to start a promoters war when he arrives here. There is no telling what those New York matchmakers will do in order to get the big fellow for his first American appearance.

A Wisconsin promoter has offered a purse for a match between Jimmy Walsh and Harry Forbes, the little come-back champion. All attempts to get Johnny Coulon to meet Walsh have been fruitless.

Jack Ward, the English lightweight, of recent arrival, is said to possess the speed of a Jim Driscoll and the punch of a Stanley Ketchel. Ward will make a start in Philadelphia soon. He is under the management of Bob Deady.

What is probably the first championship belt of the world is to be sold at auction in London, it was won by Bendigo from Pim Ward. Another championship belt won by Bendigo from Ben Caunt in 1845 will be auctioned at the same time.

It will be useless for the San Francisco and Los Angeles promoters to try and sign Jack Johnson for a bout in either of those cities. Johnson has not forgotten the time he was arrested in San Francisco for overspeeding, and he draws the line on California.

The latest advices from Australia tell that Tommy Burns wants to come back, and is dead in earnest when he says he is looking for a match with Jack Johnson. For the sake of old times and the trouble he has already stirred up in the fighting game, it would be well for Burns if he would make Australia his permanent abide and let Johnson and other heavyweights alone for the remainder of his days. Burns looking for a return meeting with Johnson is one of the hugest jokes of the season.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MODERATE TRADING.

Rumors of Pending Investigations Repress Bullish Efforts.

New York, Jan. 5.—The political situation gave food for reflection in financial and speculative quarters today. Revival of rumors as to the incidence of a federal investigation of the so-called "money trust" and semi-official statements presaging drastic tariff revision in iron and steel served to curb bullish manifestations. Aside from a broader inquiry for bonds, the market continued largely professional, with trading in very moderate volume.

Except for another spectacular demonstration in Lehigh Valley, which recorded a new high price, increased strength in the local utilities, a smart rebound in the Gould stocks, due, presumably, to the recent changes in management, today's stock market offered little in the way of novelty or detailed comment. The usual leaders—United States Steel, Reading and Union Pacific—did not share in the movement elsewhere. In fact, distinct pressure upon these issues was shown during the greater part of the session, notably in Union Pacific, which declined within a small fraction of the previous week's low price.

Selling of this stock was perhaps less persistent and heavy, but it showed little inclination toward recovery, even when the pressure relaxed. Steel was another object of bear assault, declining to the low point of the week, but later making partial recovery. A number of specialties more of less identified with pool movements in the past were strong, but the course of these shares was not important. Board room gossip credited the substantial banking interests with extensive purchases of both the bonds and stocks of the local traction companies, and the movement spread to Consolidated Gas.

Lowest prices were made in the last hour, the special features of weakness being Union Pacific, St. Paul, Reading and Steel. From this level there was some improvement in covering short contracts, but the closing was dull, despite brisk rallies in Union Pacific and Steel.

Indications of the early week, all of which pointed to increasing ease of money, were borne out in the various forecasts, some of which computed the cash gain by local banks at not less than $15,000,000 to $20,000,000.

The bond market was generally active and strong, the demand converging around the local traction issues. Total sales, par value, $5,916,000. United States government bonds were unchanged on call.

STOCKS.

Sales		High.	Low.	Close.
100	Allis Chalmers pfd	8	8	7½
400	Amal. Copper	66¾	65¾	66
100	Am. Agricultural	67¾	67¾	67¾
200	Am. Best Sugar	28¾	28¾	28
600	Am. Can	12¾	12	12
7200	Am. Car & F	54¾	54	54¾
300	Am. Cotton Oil	46¾	46½	46¾
200	Am. Hide & L. pfd	76¾	76¾	76
100	Am. Ice Securities	18¾	18¾	18
—	Am. Linseed Oil	—	—	11
—	Am. Locomotive	—	—	30
1700	Am. Smelting & R.	72¾	72¼	72¾
100	Do. pfd	102¾	102¾	102¾
—	Am. Steel Foundries	—	—	34½
1600	Am. Tel. & Tel.	138	137¾	138
1600	Am. Tobacco pfd	186¾	182¾	185¾
700	Am. Woolen	28	27¾	27
1000	Anaconda Mining Co.	47¾	47¼	47¼
400	Atchison	100¾	100¾	100¾
200	Do. pfd	101¾	101¾	101¾
700	Atlantic Coast Line	134	133½	133½
500	Baltimore & Ohio	104	103¾	104¾
100	Bethlehem Steel	31¾	31	31¾
500	Brooklyn Rapid Transit	77¾	77	76¾
500	Canadian Pacific	234¾	234¾	234¾
1100	Central Leather	15¾	15¼	15¼
1700	Do. pfd	88¾	88¼	88¾
180	Central of New Jersey	310	310	305
1500	Chesapeake & Ohio	73¾	73¼	73¼
—	Chicago & Alton	—	—	18½
—	Chicago Great Western	—	—	16¾
—	Do. pfd	—	—	36¾
1100	Chicago & N. W.	145	143	141¾
5100	Chicago, M. & St. P.	108¾	106¾	106
—	C. C. C. & St. L.	—	—	56
—	Colorado Fuel & Iron	—	—	36½
—	Colorado & Southern	—	—	34
8300	Consolidated Gas	142¾	141¾	142¾
200	Corn Products	16¾	16¾	16¾
—	Delaware & Hudson	—	—	168
100	Denver & Rio Grande	32	31¾	32¾
1100	Do. pfd	44¾	43	44¼
200	Distillers Securities	51¾	51¾	51
1100	Erie	31½	31¾	31½
100	Do. 1st pfd	50¾	50¾	50¾
—	Do. 2d pfd	—	—	40¾
100	General Electric	155	155	155
1400	Great Northern pfd	127½	127	127½
1000	Do. Ore Ctfs.	42¾	41	41¾
300	Illinois Central	146¾	146¾	146
2000	Interborough Met.	17¾	16¾	17¾
2000	Do. pfd	65¾	64¾	64¾
100	Inter Harvester	109	109¾	109
600	Inter Marine pfd	23¾	23¼	23¾
600	International Paper	16	15¾	15¾
—	International Pump	—	—	32
—	Iowa Central	—	—	14
100	Kansas City Southern	28	28	27¾
200	Do. pfd	65	64	64¾
100	Laclede Gas	107¾	107¾	107¾
1000	Louisville & Nash	155¾	155	155
—	Minn. & St. Louis	—	—	28
400	M., St. P. & S. S. M.	134¾	133¾	133¾
200	Mo., Kan. & Tex.	38¾	38¾	38¾
—	Do. pfd	—	—	63
12200	Missouri Pacific	43¾	42¾	42¾
100	National Biscuit	141¾	140	141¾
400	National Lead	63¾	62¾	62¾
500	N. Y. Dock pfd	30¾	29¾	29¾
800	New York Central	107	107	106¾
100	N. Y. Ont. & West.	28	28	27¾
2600	Norfolk & Western	110¾	109¾	110¾
400	North American	75¾	74¾	74¾
1500	Northern Pacific	118¾	117¾	118¾
—	Pacific Mail	—	—	31¾
3900	Pennsylvania	120¾	120¼	120¾
100	People's Gas	101¾	101¾	101
2200	Pittsburg C. C. & St. L.	107½	106¾	107
—	Pittsburg Coal	—	—	13¼
400	Pressed Steel Car	34¼	34	33¾
—	Pullman Car	—	—	150¾
100	Railway Steel Spring	32	32	30¾
2700	Reading	162	159¾	159¾
200	Republic Steel	26	25¾	25¾
—	Do. pfd	—	—	85¾
300	Rock Island Co.	25¾	25	25¾
1100	Do. pfd	51	50	50¾
200	St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd	40¾	40¾	40¾
—	St. Louis S. W.	—	—	28¾
—	Do. pfd	—	—	65¾
—	Sloss Sheff S. & I.	—	—	60
700	Southern Pacific	111	110¼	110¾
200	Southern Railway	28¾	28¾	28¾
200	Do. pfd	71¾	71	71
600	Tennessee Copper	38	37¾	37¾
200	Texas & Pacific	21¾	21¾	21¾
800	Toledo, St. L. & W.	12¾	12	12¾
—	Do. pfd	—	—	30¾
3100	Union Pacific	176¾	176	176¾
200	Do. pfd	92¾	92¾	92¾
—	United States Realty	—	—	68
400	United States Rubber	46¾	46	46¾
5100	United States Steel	68¾	67¾	67¾
1300	Do. pfd	114¾	111	111
1700	Utah Copper	56	55¾	56¾
100	Va. Car Chem.	34¾	34¾	34
1400	Wabash	6¾	6¾	6¾
2100	Do. pfd	18¾	18	18¼
200	Western Maryland	27¾	26¾	26
200	Westinghouse Electric	64	63	63¾
2400	Western Union	69½	69¾	70¾
—	Wheeling & L. Erie	—	—	25
5600	Lehigh Valley	185¾	183¾	184
100	Chino Copper	26¾	26¾	26¾
2600	Nev. Consol	19¾	19¾	19¾
	Total sales, 372,100 shares.			

COTTON.

New York, Jan. 5.—Cotton spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 9.35; middling gulf, 9.60; sales, 200 bales. Futures closed steady. Closing bids: January 8.99, February 9.08, March 9.12, April 9.20, May 9.30, June 9.24, July 9.41, August 9.46, September 9.43, October 9.44, November 9.57, December 9.60.

MONEY.

New York, Jan. 5.—Money on call easy at 2 1-2@2 3-4 per cent.; ruling rate 2 3-4; last loan 2 5-8; closing bid 2 1-2; offered at 2 3-4. Time loans easier; 60 days 3@3 1-4 per cent.; 90 days 3@3 1-2; six months 3 1-2@3 3-4.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

	Open.	High	Low.	Close.
WHEAT:				
May	101	101¾	100¾	101¼
July	99¾	99¾	98¾	99
Sept.	—	—	—	94
CORN:				
May	65¾	65 3-16	65¼	64 5-16
July	65¾	64¾	63¾	64¾
OATS:				
Sept.	—	—	—	41¾
May	48 3-16	48 3-16	48 3-16	48 7-16
July	44¾	45¼	44¼	45¾
Sept.	41	41	40¾	41

IN THE AUTOMOBILE WORLD

Massachusetts an Example in Motor Road Building—Connecticut Gains $65,000 in Automobile Receipts in a Year—Shop and Road Hints.

Macadam roads, which are successful for the horse traffic, are quite failures for motor traffic, and states that are building them today and expecting them to endure will be disappointed in less than a year, says one authority on this point. The road for the motor vehicle requires a good binder, a substance that will hold the road material together, a substance that prevents disintegration due to too much moisture, and a substance that will bind the road surface together in dry weather and so prevent dust. Many state road commissioners have known for years the kind of road best suited for motor traffic, but, owing to the troublesome preponderance of horse traffic, they have not dared to build the model road. Massachusetts deserves credit in setting the example to other states. It is questionable if in any other state the percentage of motor vehicle traffic is so heavy, but the truth is always strong and it would be well for others to get the exact status of the road traffic.

During the past year the state of Connecticut has received $336,320 from car owners and operators. Most of this sum came as registration fees. The gain over the previous 12 months is $65,000.

The war department at Washington has ordered four more motor trucks for field service to be used in connection with army maneuvres.

It is estimated that 60 automobiles a day are being sold in southern California.

The day of the automobile has arrived in Brazil, the name of which country, in the minds of many, is confusedly associated only with big congressers, tangled forests, mighty rivers and the commercial romances of rubber, coffee and cacao.

Although the pleasure and commercial exhibitions in Boston will be held separately this year, there are already indications that the demand for space for both will exceed the supply. An elaborate decorative scheme has been mapped out.

Seventy-one hill climbing contests of importance were held during the season just closed in the United States. As a general proposition the time made was better than it was in 1910. There were also 25 road races during the season.

By shifting its present motor fire apparatus from the central station to more suburban stations and replacing it with new, Jacksonville, Fla., proposes to virtually do away with horse-drawn apparatus entirely.

At this season of the year it is as well to bear in mind that the radiator of a motor car is designed primarily as a means of getting rid of heat in the quickest possible way. If the air happens to be below the freezing point something is likely to happen.

To meet the increasing demand for the latest and most accurate road data in the southern states, a pathfinding trip under the direction of the Touring club of America will start within a fortnight from Augusta, Ga., going to Nashville by way of Atlanta and Chattanooga. This trip, which will cover upwards of 600 miles, will be made with the Touring club's official car in charge of the southern vice president, L. D. Armstrong, of Atlanta.

Sometimes a motor that is very cold refuses to start, though the ignition system is in first class working order and the carburetor right. The trouble is usually that there is not sufficient heat to vaporize the gasoline, and often the trick can be turned by priming the cylinders heavily.

Many times when on the road it is necessary to jack up a wheel for one reason or another. A small piece of two-inch by four-inch board about a foot long will then come in very handy to stand the jack on.

Using a tire until the rubber tread is all gone and the underlying fabric begins to wear is permissible only if the motorist has so much money he doesn't care how many tires he buys.

Steps have been taken by the Nashville, Tenn., board of trade to put into commission a sightseeing automobile, which is to make daily tours to points of interest in the city for the benefit of visitors. A 15 or 20-passenger car is to be used and is to make calls at all the more important hotels of the city daily.

The dimensions of motor cylinders, tires and other automobile parts are so often designated in millimeters that a rough and ready way of converting millimeters to the inch. The exact rule. The easiest way is to figure 25 millimeters to the inch. The exact figures are 25.4 millimeters to the inch.

OLDFIELD BARRED.

Indianapolis Speedway Wants No More of Barney's Racing.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 4.—Although Barney Oldfield, formerly known as the world's speed king, may be reinstated in the good graces of the American Automobile association, and again registered as a motor racing driver, he never will be allowed to drive upon the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. This is the announcement of the management of the famous brick track following the publication of a report that Oldfield and Bob Burman, the present holder of the world's free for all straightaway, mile track and speedway records, would meet some time during the 1912 season in a match race at the Motor Speedway.

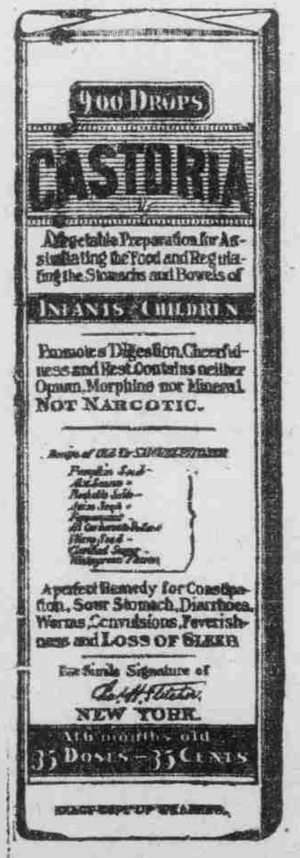
When the article announcing a probable match race between Oldfield and Burman was called to his attention, Carl G. Fisher, president of the company which owns the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, said: "Such a race on the Motor Speedway is impossible for several reasons. First, we would not allow Oldfield upon the track, no matter when or how he was reinstated, as he has decried the racing sport ever since he was outlawed and his very attempt at reinstatement proves his insincerity and his questionable methods.

"Second, it has always been the policy of the Speedway to give its spectators a race meeting of the highest possible standard. We never have adopted the circus riding, hippodrome method of taking money from the public and giving little or nothing in return. For that reason alone it would be impossible for Oldfield to put on his kind of a show and enjoy public appreciation at the Speedway. In a race where skill and nerve were necessary, Barney Oldfield would be a poor factor, as has been proved in the past when he left his so-called exhibition driving to compete with other racing drivers in a fairly run contest."

Dick Broad, the Chicago colored boxer, who is appearing in England under the name of Young Johnson, got a licking and lost the decision in 20 rounds to Blink McCloskey in London the other night.

Why Physicians Recommend Castoria

CASTORIA has met with pronounced favor on the part of physicians, pharmaceutical societies and medical authorities. It is used by physicians with results most gratifying. The extended use of Castoria is unquestionably the result of three facts: *First*—The indisputable evidence that it is harmless: *Second*—That it not only allays stomach pains and quiets the nerves, but assimilates the food: *Third*—It is an agreeable and perfect substitute for Castor Oil. It is absolutely safe. It does not contain any Opium, Morphine, or other narcotic and does not stupefy. It is unlike Soothing Syrups, Bateman's Drops, Godfrey's Cordial, etc. This is a good deal for a Medical Journal to say. Our duty, however, is to expose danger and record the means of advancing health. The day for poisoning innocent children through greed or ignorance ought to end. To our knowledge, Castoria is a remedy which produces composure and health, by regulating the system—not by stupefying it—and our readers are entitled to the information.—*Hall's Journal of Health.*



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Letters from Prominent Physicians Addressed to Chas. H. Fletcher.

Dr. W. L. Leister, of Rogers, Ark., says: "As a practicing physician I use Castoria and like it very much."

Dr. W. T. Seeley, of Amity, N. Y., says: "I have used your Castoria for several years in my practice and have found it a safe and reliable remedy."

Dr. Raymond M. Evarts, of Santa Ynez, Cal., says: "After using your Castoria for children for years it annoys me greatly to have an ignorant druggist substitute something else, especially to the patient's disadvantage, as in this case. I enclose herewith the wrapper of the imitation."

Dr. R. M. Ward, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Physicians generally do not prescribe proprietary preparations, but in the case of Castoria my experience, like that of many other physicians, has taught me to make an exception. I prescribe your Castoria in my practice because I have found it to be a thoroughly reliable remedy for children's complaints. Any physician who has raised a family, as I have, will join me in heartiest recommendation of Castoria."

Dr. W. F. Wallace, of Bradford, N. H., says: "I use your Castoria in my practice, and in my family."

Dr. Wm. I. McCann of Omaha, Neb., says: "As the father of thirteen children I certainly know something about your great medicine and aside from my own family experience, I have, in my years of practice, found Castoria a popular and efficient remedy in almost every home."

Dr. Howard James, of New York City, says: "It is with great pleasure that I desire to testify to the medicinal virtue of your Castoria. I have used it with marked benefit in the case of my own daughter, and have obtained excellent results from its administration to other children in my practice."

Dr. J. R. Clausen, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "The name that your Castoria has made for itself in the tens of thousands of homes blessed by the presence of children, scarcely needs to be supplemented by the endorsement of the medical profession, but I, for one, most heartily endorse it and believe it an excellent remedy."

Dr. B. Halstead Scott, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I have prescribed your Castoria often for infants during my practice and find it very satisfactory."

Dr. William Belmont, of Cleveland, Ohio, says "You Castoria stands first in its class. In my thirty years of practice I can say I never have found anything that so filled the place."

Dr. R. J. Hamlen, of Detroit, Mich., says: I prescribe your Castoria extensively as I have never found anything to equal it for children's troubles. I am aware that there are imitations in the field, but I always see that my patients get Fletcher's."

Dr. Channing H. Cook, of Saint Louis, Mo., says: "I have used your Castoria for several years past in my own family and have always found it thoroughly efficient and never objected to by children, which is a great consideration in view of the fact that most medicines of this character are obnoxious and therefore difficult of administration. As a laxative I consider it the peer of anything that I ever prescribed."

Dr. L. O. Morgan, of So. Amboy, N. J. says: "I prescribe your Castoria every day for children who are suffering from constipation, with better effect than I receive from any other combination of drugs."

Dr. H. J. Taft, of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I have used your Castoria and found it an excellent remedy in my household and private practice for many years. The formula is excellent."

Dr. Wm. L. Besserman, of Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I am pleased to speak a good word for your Castoria. I think so highly of it that I not only recommend it to others, but have used it in my own family."

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